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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: OER Support on Joint CIA/DIA Study on
Civil Defense

1. In March Mr. Helms and General Carroll agreed to undertake a joint CIA/DIA study of Soviet civil defense capabilities. Within CIA, the Programs Analysis Division, OSR, is the action component. In a memorandum of 3 April, Mr. Clarke informed the Directors of OER, OBGI and IAS, and indicated areas where support from their components would be important to the success of the study. Subsequently, the outline and approaches to the study have been discussed with working analysts from DIA and the CIA offices listed above.

2. Last week I met with Chief, Communist Research Area of OER, to discuss the extent of OER support we needed. I indicated that, in general, we hoped to have transportation, construction, and communications analysts of OER assist us in a consultative and reviewing capacity, and to keep demands on their research time to a minimum. The problem of feeding Soviet evacuees of cities will require some analytical effort on the part of an economic analyst.

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3. In addition, judgments on radiation protection factors of basements in Soviet masonry houses will be needed and the OER Construction Branch can help us on this problem.

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5. agreed to support the joint study in these ways.

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